

What Can I do With My Old Books?

***The information below is the latest information we have available. Institutions change their policies on a frequent basis so please call them for the latest information.**

Do you have books and magazines you no longer need or want? While the East Meadow Public Library does not accept book donations, there are several alternate ways to dispose of your unwanted books. Before donating old or unwanted reading material, please consider the condition. Generally speaking, only new, gently read or lightly-used books are accepted for donation. Magazines are rarely accepted, but are usually recyclable. Soft cover or paperback books are not recyclable if you live in the Town of Hempstead. Hardcover books also cannot be recycled by the Sanitation Department and should be donated or discarded.

There is one institution in East Meadow that accepts book donations. Please call them to see what books they are presently accepting.

Sunrise of East Meadow

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<https://www.sunriseseniorliving.com/communities/ny/sunrise-of-east-meadow/>

Local libraries and Schools: Some libraries and schools hold annual fundraising book sales. One such example is provided below.

The Garden City Public Library: Book donations are accepted for use in their annual May Book Sale, and for smaller sales throughout the year. For more information call them at (516) 742-8405 or visit their website,

<http://www.gardencitypl.org/friends>.

Best Sellers and Paperbacks: Try these charities for book donation:

Book Fairies: This Long Island-based organization distributes donated books to underserved communities in the NY metro area. Visit their website <https://thebookfairies.org/book-fairies-how-to-donate-books/> for more information.

www.housingworks.org/: This site is maintained by Housing Works, helping New York City's homeless, HIV-infected population. Click on the "donate" tab for further information.

Better World Books: This group is currently accepting donations which will be sold on their website to raise funds for non-profit literacy organizations. All books in good condition are welcome. For additional information, go to www.betterworldbooks.com and click on the "donate" tab.

Vietnam Veteran's Association: They have both pick up service and drop off service. There may be limits on the number of books you can donate at one time. Fiction, non-fiction, and children's books are welcome but please no magazines or encyclopedias. You can schedule a pickup online at <http://www.wepickup.org/>.

www.BooksThroughBars.org: What better way to rehabilitate someone than through education and reading? This program provides books to prisoners. Before sending books, make sure you check the rules on what types of reading material each prison allows.

Salvationarmyusa.org and goodwillny.org: You can donate old books in good condition as well as other items. Goodwill accepts eReaders and all books except for old encyclopedias and old marked-up textbooks.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Long Island: This organization accepts book donations, limited to one box per donation. See more info at <https://bbbsli.org/clothing-donations/>.

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